

REMARKS

Applicant requests favorable consideration and allowance of the subject application in view of the preceding amendments and the following remarks

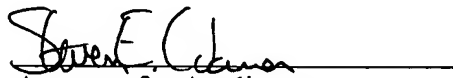
To place the application in better form, the specification has been amended to note its continuing status and to correct minor informalities. Also, a new abstract is presented in accordance with preferred practice. No new matter has been added by these changes.

Claims 41-52 are presented for consideration in lieu of claims 1-40, which have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 41 and 47 are independent. Support for these claims can be found in the original application, as filed. Therefore, no new matter has been added.

Applicant submits that claims 41-52 patentably define features of the scanning exposure apparatus and the device manufacturing method of the present invention. Applicant submits, therefore, that the instant application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are requested.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should be directed to our address listed below.

Respectfully submitted,


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In re Application of:)
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09/858,964, filed May 17, 2001)
Filed: October 2, 2003)
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METHOD THEREFOR, SEMICONDUCTOR)
DEVICE MANUFACTURING METHOD, AND:)
SEMICONDUCTOR MANUFACTURING)
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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF DRAWING CHANGE

Sir:

Applicant requests that the Examiner approve the change to Figure 4, as shown in red on the attached sketch, enclosed in duplicate.

In Figure 4, in step 401, "SHOT" should read -- EXECUTE --, as shown.

Favorable consideration is requested.

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FIG. 4

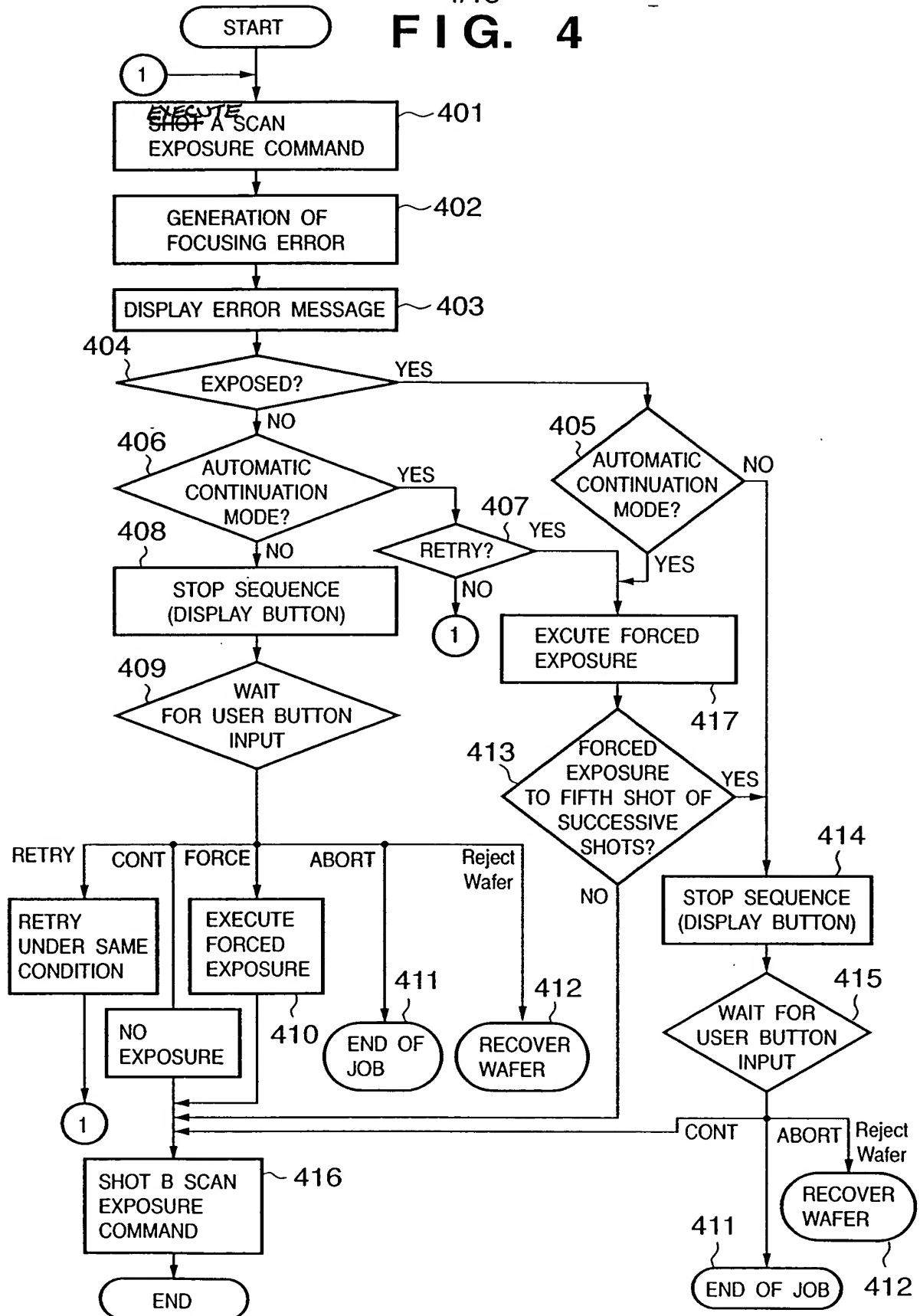


FIG. 4

